

# Washington State Patrol Media Release

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## **Public Service Recognition Week Ceremony**

On May 4, 2006, *Mayor Royce Pollard of Vancouver was the key note speaker to kickoff the Vancouver Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW) Ceremony.*

Since the first celebration in 1985, The President of the United States and the Governors of many states, including Washington, issue Proclamations designating the first week of May as "Public Service Recognition Week".

This week provides us with the opportunity to help honor the men and women who guarantee that our government – at the county federal, state and local levels – is top notch.

The Ceremony honored employees from the Washington State Department of Transportation, Washington State University Vancouver and Washington State Patrol.

### **The Washington State Department of Transportation:**

- Maria Cardoni - **Facilities**
- Chris Vigna – **Incident Response**
- Ray Tipton - **IT**
- Kevin Miller – **Project Delivery**

### **Washington State University Vancouver:**

- **Civil Service Employees of the Month:**
  - April Brimelow - January 2005
  - Jenell Ashbaugh - February 2005
  - Kristine Brown - March 2005
  - Steve Bell - April 2005
  - Scott Fraser - May 2005
  - Kawni Toulson - July 2005
  - Maureen Keller – August 2005
  - Sam Adams - October 2005
  - Tamara Baker - November 2005
  - Jo Keeler - December 2005

Emerson Scott - January 2006  
Shari Clevenger - February 2006  
Randy Bandy & Dennis Giles - March 2006

- **Civil Service Employee of the Year:**  
Debbie Runyan - 2005

**The Washington State Patrol:**

- **Detachment of the Year – Det. 4 (Kelso)**  
Jason Cuthbert  
Neil Deffenbaugh  
Kenny Lutz  
Todd Surdam  
Chris Sweet  
Candy Warren  
Mike Chapman  
Brad Moon  
Gary Turrick  
Danny O'Neil  
Deborah Moe
- **Trooper of the Year – David Bourland**
- **Auto Theft – Brad Moon (Kelso)**
- **Merit Systems Employee of the Year – Nelwyn Derrick**  
(Vancouver)
- **Communications Officer of the Year – CO1 Kathlene**  
Garner
- **Commercial Vehicle Officer – Gary Krause (Kelso)**
- **District CVD Trooper of the Year – Trooper Craig Powell**
- **Washington State Patrol Public Information Officer of the**  
**Year – Trooper Mike Kesler**
- **Extra Mile Nominee - Traci Gurley (Vancouver District 5**  
Secretary)

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